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SUBJECT: SHRIMP FISHING AGREEMENT

REF: BRASILIA 004, STATE 1608

1. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY'S VIEWS CONCERNING THE DESIRABILITY OF EXPRESSING TO THE BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY AT THIS TIME OUR INTEREST IN BEGINNING NEGOTIATIONS ON A MORE PERMANENT SHRIMP FISHING ARRANGEMENT.

2. WE REALIZE THAT THE MEDICI ADMINISTRATION IS UNLIKELY TO UNDER-
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TAKE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WOULD COMMIT ITS SUCCESSOR IN ANY WAY. A

FBIS ITEM OF JANUARY 10 QUOTES A JANUARY 4 "JORNAL DO BRASIL" REPORT TO THE EFFECT THAT THE GOB HAS ADVISED THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IT HAS DECIDED NOT TO NEGOTIATE FISHING AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES DURING THE NEXT SIX MONTHS IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE IN-COMING ADMINISTRATION AFREE HAND ON FISHING QUESTIONS. MORE-OVER, THE NEW ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT BE PREPARED TO UNDER-TAKE NEGOTIATIONS ON *UCH A COMPLICATED SUBJECT DURING THE THREE AND A HALF MONTHS BETWEEN ITS IN*UGURATION AND THE EXPIZATION OF TH* RECENTLY ARRANGED SIX MON*H EXTENSION OF T*E PRESEN* AGREEMENT*AND CONSEQUENTLY MAY LET THE?AGREEMENT EXPIRE OR REQUEST THAT IT BE EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER LIMI*ED PERIOD. ALSO, BOTH ADMINISTRATIONS MAY BE RELUCTANT TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL THEY HAVE RECEIVED PAYMENT FROM US.

3. HOWEVER, THE PRESENT EXTENSION WAS ARRANGED SPECIFICALLY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE TIME TO NEGOTIATE A MORE PERMANENT AGREEMENT. THE IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION HAS *ECOME LAW AND A REQUEST F*R A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IS BEING PREPARED. MOREOVER, US SHRIMP FISHERMEN WILL WANT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SOME ARRANGEMENT WHICH WILL PERMIT THEM TO FIS* DURING THE JUNE 30 TO NOVEMBER 30 PORTION OF THE FISHING SEASON. ALSO, IN THIS YEAR OF THE CARACAS LOS CONFERENCE WE PROBABLY SHOULD TRY TO ASSURE THAT SOME SORT OF AGREEMENT I* IN EFFECT AT ALL TIMES. IN THE ABSENCE OF AN AGREEMENT, A MINOR INCIDENT COULD GET OUT OF CONTROL AND HAVE MAJOR REPERCUSSIONS AT THE CONFERENCE. THEREFORE, IT MIGHT BE WISE FOR US TO EXPRESS TO THE GOB AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OUR IN-TEREST IN BEGINNING NEGOTIATIONS ON A NEW AGREEMENT OR ARRANGING AN ADDITIONAL EXTENSION OF THE PRESENT ONE UNTIL AT LEAST NOVEMBER 30. KISSINGER

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